

the Michigan State Department of Conservation, the Society elected Dr. Orr its Recording Secretary. During his brief trip Dr. Orr also visited the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the Chicago Museum of Natural History. Dr. Orr reported his trip as hot, hurried, but successful.

MOOSE HUNT

WITH PLANS for a future moose group in the Museum, Mr. Cecil Tose, Preparator of the Department of Exhibits, will go to western Alberta to get the big animals. Leaving San Francisco September 15, Mr. Tose and his host, Mr. William Foster of Rio Vista, California, will be five weeks in the field with a pack outfit. Mr. Foster recently returned from six months of big game hunting in Africa.

INSECTS, CURATORS, AND HOUSING

DR. EDWARD S. ROSS, Curator of the Department of Entomology, has had his hands full these days with housing problems, but now both insects and curators are assured of shelter. In fact, so rapidly has the Academy shop turned out hundreds of new insect drawers, the large collection of aquatic beetles that came in this month from British Columbia with Mr. Hugh B. Leech, new Assistant Curator, will not have to go on a waiting list. Neither will Mr. Leech. Dr. Ross steered him to Mill Valley where, with good luck, he found a suitable home for his family and himself within twenty-four hours of his arrival in the Bay region. With the new collection and curator taken care of, Dr. Ross is at it week-ends with hammer and saw to finish his own Mill Valley home.

YOUR OWN EXPEDITION

"WHAT WOULDN'T I GIVE to go on one of those scientific expeditions!" say you with indrawn breath over the latest in the papers about the University of California South African Expedition or one of the expeditions of the California Academy of Sciences. Since your chances for a big-time expedition are all but nil, why not run your own? A week-end will do, and roads to rich fields start from your driveway. A long list of great naturalist-explorers have found no part of earth more grandly exciting than our own West.

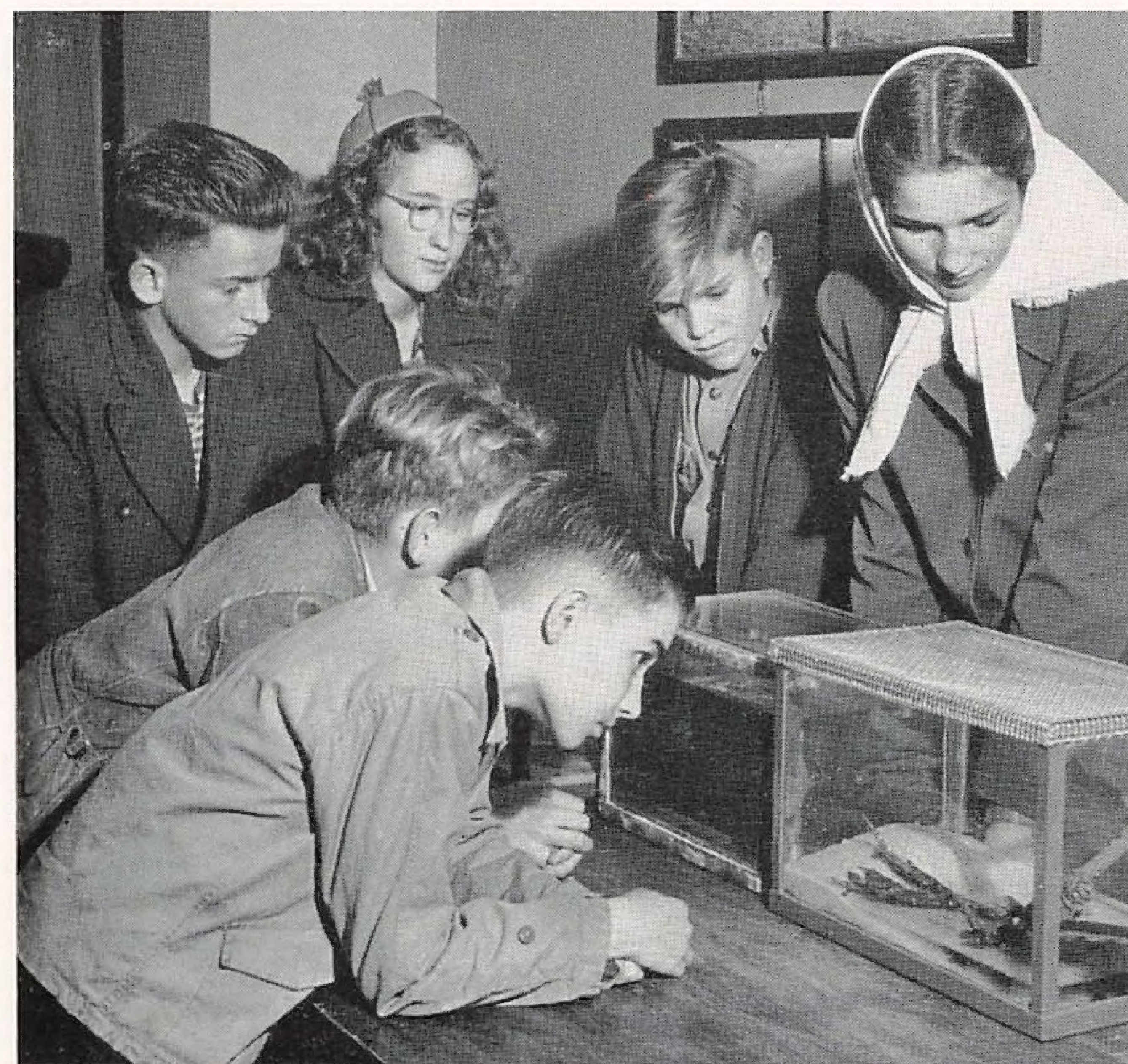
Here at the Academy you will not see the curators and their associates impatiently stewing at their desks for the great day when time and funds permit another costly expedition to the Galápagos Islands or other far field. You might find them penciling a California road map or going home to pack collecting gear, note books, and grub in the car and shove off for some lonely beach or wild canyon in the coast ranges. The back roads are best for a short expedition. Leisurely driving lets you get the feel of the country and invites frequent stops for collecting and observing.

Have a planned objective; every expedition does. Read whatever you can find about the route and the place. The more you know what to look for, the more you will find of interest and value. Thus the shortest trip afield can add greatly to your knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of nature.

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September Announcement

THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in North American Hall, on Wednesday evening, September 24, 1947, at eight o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Wilbert M. Chapman, Curator of the Academy's Department of Ichthyology. His talk, illustrated with his own kodachrome pictures, will be entitled

A ROVING CURATOR IN POST-WAR EUROPE

Enabled by a Guggenheim Fellowship to continue in London and Paris this summer his study of the blennoid fishes of the world, Dr. Chapman undertook also to make a report for the Academy on the post-war condition of important European museums and, especially, the aquariums of London, Paris, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen. Dr. Chapman rounded out this part of his mission by visiting, in addition, Belgium, Germany, Norway, and Sweden.

Upon his return to the Academy early this month, our curator remarked that after successfully getting hotel rooms in all the capitals of western Europe, he failed completely in San Francisco and had to impose upon a good friend at four o'clock in the morning.

Those who have had the privilege of reading Dr. Chapman's letters from Europe know that the members and friends of the Academy are assured a most entertaining evening.

The public is cordially invited.



APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its September meeting approved the applications of Mr. Henry Ben Collins, Mrs. Abbot Hanks, Mr. John F. Landis, Mrs. Gale E. Mountford, Mr. Norman D. Nevills, Mr. Bernard Silverstein, and Mr. Lauren A. Wright for MEMBERSHIP, and of Nancy Dewey, Lois MacDonald, Robert Norwood, and Ann Radley for STUDENT MEMBERSHIP in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after September 15, they will be considered elected.



STUDENT GROUPS OUTLINE FALL PROGRAM

WITH ALL THE ACADEMY buildings and departments their laboratory, the Junior High students of the Junior Science Group will make it their aim this fall to learn how a natural science museum functions to serve the community. Under the super-

vision of Miss Joanne Taylor and Mrs. Lois Fink, the younger group members will study the Science Museum exhibits; then going behind the scenes in the several departments, they will learn from the Academy staff how collections are made and used in scientific study and how exhibits such as the African and North American habitat groups are prepared. Workshop and field trips will amplify the Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon lectures.

The Senior High School students will at their own request advance to a more varied program than that of last year. Their twice monthly evening study meetings will combine lectures with laboratory work. The Seniors' field trips will take them to universities, government offices, and other objectives to inquire about vocational opportunities and prerequisites for those interested in employment or study in natural science fields.



BIRD MONOGRAPHS ADDED TO MOFFITT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ANNOUNCING the acquisition of three imposing monographs totaling fifteen folio volumes for the Moffitt Memorial Library, Miss Veronica Sexton, Librarian of the Academy, said, "When these were offered us we followed the advice of a famous book collector to 'yield with coy submission and at once,' " for such items are rarely available. These are the titles:

A Monograph of the Bucerotidae, or Family of the Hornbills, by Daniel Giraud Elliott, London, 1877-1882, with 57 hand-colored plates by J. G. Keulemans. This is a comprehensive treatise of the entire family.

A Monograph of the Turdidae, or Family of Thrushes, by Henry Seebohm, London, 1898-1902, 2 volumes, with 149 hand-colored plates by J. G. Keulemans, most of the figures life size. Treats of four genera of the family.

Naturgeschichte der Vögel Mitteleuropas, by Johann A. and Johann F. Naumann, Gera (Germany), 1905, 12 volumes, with 445 colored plates.

Of the first two works, Keulemans, the master illustrator, made the lithograph plates and is credited with hand-coloring them afterwards himself, not, as was the usual practice, delegating that exacting task to lesser artists.

The Naumann work, authorities say, is not only the most comprehensive and best-illustrated treatise on the birds of Central Europe, but stands at the head of all faunal works of all countries. It is an important addition to the Academy's literature of the Palearctic region.



NORTH AMERICAN HALL SHOWING BIRD PHOTOGRAPHS

THE WORK OF MELVIN JOHANSEN, thirty-two large prints of various water birds have been mounted in the corridor of North American Hall, to remain until the first week of November. Mr. Johansen, Preparator at the Snow Museum in Oakland, excels in bird photography.



DR. ORR ATTENDS MAMMALOGISTS' CONFERENCE

THE ACADEMY'S Curator of Ornithology and Mammalogy, Dr. Robert T. Orr, was present at the conference of the American Society of Mammalogists, held August 24-27 at Higgins Lake in northern Michigan. Meeting at the Training School of